

G. A. R. Veterans: Our Toast--Honors For The Living; Flowers For The Dead

TWO ROUSING MEETINGS. NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE ENTER- TAINS.

Large Audiences in King Solomon
and the 8th Street Baptist
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MAGNIFICENT ADDRESSES.

Kansas City, Kansas in Line.

The Negro Business League is slowly but surely with bread winning and advice uniting our people for their industrial, commercial, economic, professional, civic and moral development. Thought backed by sound reason eloquently delivered with matured judgement used in sounding the keynote of what appears to be the universal aim of mankind of this day and age. "Love, union, co-operation and consequent success." Each fellow beginning at home with faith and works. The Afro-American is coming. Like a burdened beast, up from the lowest swamps and confronted by natural and unnatural forces of resistance. Each day lessens his burden, each day increases his strength, each day brings him closer to the crest of the hill of prosperity, honor and renown. While the evil among us is magnified, most of our good deeds unnoticed or depreciated; yet the cold fact remains undeniable that the black horse is surely coming; coming with inexhaustible strength, irresistible power and unchecked ardor.

President F. J. Weaver assisted by J. A. Wilson and C. A. Franklin received a warm reception at King Solomon Baptist Church. The Secretary was told that the meeting was highly appreciated. Dr. J. E. Dibble assisted by Hon. E. A. Shackleford and Hon. C. H. Calloway held one of the best meetings of the entire campaign. Officers of the church followed the Secretary out of church begging us to return the first Sunday in June. Dr. D. B. Jackson and his people deserve the praise for the beautiful edifice which they have erected. Their church was built entirely by black; is odd and is in this respect and others unique and second to none in Kansas City, Kansas. This fact seemed to inspire the speakers, and they surely did speak. Eloquence, facts, wit and persuasion swayed the people to love and union for which the Master prayed: "That they may be one as we are." "United we stand and divided we fall."

Hon. C. H. Calloway whose words were supported by works was called the brownskin legal prince. Hon. E. A. Shackleford upheld Kansas so well that he is called "the legal sunflower arrayed in glory."

Next Sunday President F. J. Weaver assisted by Hon. Dorsey Green, Mrs. G. L. Prince and Dr. J. Franklin Wilson will be at the Metropolitan Baptist Church. Dr. J. E. Dibble assisted by Dr. Lee R. Petty, Judge I. F. Bradley, Hon. L. W. Johnson, and C. A. Franklin will be at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church and the Church of Living God, 337 Oakland Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. Let each member turn out.

Keep the good work up. Make good. God Almighty hates a quitter. Stick. Two more weeks and the battle is over. When our people are united, when Negro enterprises flourish, when our sons and daughters have an open door of opportunity, we shall thank God for being allowed to labor for such a noble cause.

Yours for Negro Enterprise,
E. A. ROBINSON.

Monday evening, May 25 Wendell Phillips School Parent-Teachers Association held their last meeting for the year. The attendance was not as large as usual but a good program was rendered. Mrs. Hickum the President presided. Music by Boys Orchestra, vocal solo by a little Kansas girl Letitia Bradford. Mrs. R. D. Wells read an excellent paper. The introduction being a tribute to Mother. She developed her subject by explanation of what a mother's influence means to her child. Music by Orchestra. A Spanish Waltz. Paper, Miss Sexton, teacher, subject "Happiness of Teaching," a paper of encouragement for the teacher who is happy. Remarks by President. Music by Orchestra. A Schottische was given as pleasingly as the former number. After which came an unexpected but a very palatable treat from the Teachers who served Parents and friends with refreshments which all seemed to enjoy.

ANNIE HICKUM, President.
ESTELLA WOODS, Secy.

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Booker Washington School held its regular monthly meeting on May 14. The principal feature was an address by Prof. T. W. H. Williams Principal of Bruce School. The excellent address was well received by the patrons. In addition there was a wand drill by the smaller pupils, a guessing contest and an arithmetical exhibition by the pupils of the fourth grade. The guessing contest was won by Cartright Ward. In the Arithmetical Contest Ruth Dixon won first prize and Helen Johnson second prize.

MRS. HARPOLE, Pres.
MR. STEELE, Secretary.

Dr. G. W. Stevens, the well known and famous spiritualist, can be consulted at his residence, 1904 Paseo, any day from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

Believing that many of your readers would be interested in the doings of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, the late session held in Philadelphia May 8, I desire to state it was the largest ever assembled in the history of the organization. Every part of the Empire was fully represented. Grand Commander Ill. Jas. Francis Richards 33 delivered his Allocution dealing with every phase of Masonic life and conduct.

Supreme Councils as at present constituted are an extraordinary body of men and Masons. They, usually are the picked men of the Community in which they live. They are the true and tried, the never denied, and the always ready and willing class to be tried again of every race and nationality. They are, again—the historians, Scientists, Philosophers of this day and generation. They deal with facts and figures and not with Metaphysics as a basis of calculation. The people of which the above is descriptive sustains a very remote relation to that which you and the writer ought to know the most or reason to suppose sympathetic consideration. The history of Scottish Rite of Free Masonry is variously understood but suffice it to say that in 1871 the United Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions were born out of a Council of deliberation with territorial jurisdiction defined. And territorial Sections respectively—Philadelphia and Washington City. The territorial empire of the Northern Jurisdiction embraces all of that part of the United States bounded on the North by Canada and South by the Ohio river from East to West, Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, Missouri and California excepted. Within the territorial lines there is a colored population of more than two million people with taxable wealth and bank deposit of three hundred fifty million dollars. Fourteen grand lodges and 20,000 members with an educational and religious advantages second to none and natural resources, powers and possibilities almost unlimited. These statements of facts before us suggests an irrefutable argument why colored men should take higher ground in the work of our uplift. Time and space will not permit a review of the colored man's past or the rough and rugged road over which he has traversed. This should be familiar history to every school boy. The imperative need of the hour is not recounting the gloomy, past with all of its iniquitous horrors but relief from encroaching and prevailing with that which threatens the peace and tranquility of a dependent people. The oft repeated assertion that the colored man is an American citizen has only force and effect from a colored man's viewpoint. The colored man plays no part in the drama of American social, civil and political life, only in so far as he is permitted. In the Councils of War, on the bench or in the legislative halls he is neither to be seen or heard. He is forced if he would stay, to ally himself with a people with whom he must forever remain a stranger less than a man and more than a brute. Such a monstrosity never was and can never be endowed with inalienable rights under prevailing conditions. Hence it devolves upon him to prove his eternal fitness.

(To be continued.)
A. P. SMITH 33

The Denver Five Points Club of Ebenezer Chapel, gave a delightful reception Friday from 2:30 to 11:00 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Albert Price, 1736 Brooklyn avenue.

ORATION ON THE UNKNOWN DEAD.

Crispus Attucks, Hero of the American Revolution.

By Charles A. Stark.

Fellow Countrymen: We consider it a glorious privilege to live in an age so fruitful of the solid things that go to promote civilization and thus insure mankind of a reasonable happiness which is theirs by divine right. And so in looking back we do not sigh for what was, but for what could have been. Still to go back over some of the old times and scenes, though painful, has a soothing effect in their study, and we remember that out of these pioneer events came the possibility of our own age which is reaching its mighty eminence. What recalls so vividly the old past to us is that today is dedicated to the memory of the Nation's dead. The very thought is teeming with emotions too deep for words, and defies studied expression. We can only look—realize but helpless to express.

Still in our larger understanding of life we know that Truth can not die and that every good and brave act is immortal, partaking, as it does of the reversion of eternity, therefore it is fitting that we look back with our minds and view some of the brave and good acts our forefathers performed for us that we, their children, and their posterity might enjoy the great blessings of liberty. Yet, when I recall that able histories have reflected these acts; that lofty poets have immortalized them in song; and that the deep souled orator has weaved his golden wreath around each hero known to the world, then I say to you, yet me dwell on the "Great Unknown Dead."

The dead live to us not merely through memory but through the consciousness of undying spirit. We think of this when placing the floral wreath upon the grave of the known, but in doing so let us remember that there are numberless heroes uncrowned with distinctive glory who sleep in unmarked graves and cannot be singled out on this account, yet they were deserving!

Then to the unknown dead, who died at the stern post of duty we remember you with love and gratitude. Ye who fought for the crown of liberty; whose patriotism was rich and glorious; who gave up this mortal existence rather than see God's kingdom mocked with tyranny, we consecrate our thoughts this hour remembering what we owe to God and thee. Lastly, one of the bravest men in this venerable field of the unknown whose immortal act preserves itself unto us was a child of Ethiopia and:

Lo! Noble Attucks, how doth thy memory rise,
This day the Revolution regrets the eyes;
We remember thee when thy loyal spirit fled,
And say, Thou art first of the bravest dead.

Second, thy spirit rekindled in the Civil War,
Led your race to glory and spread its fame afar,
And when its bright arms conquered Spain,
The Ninth and Tenth Cavalry knew thy spirit again.

NO MIDDLE MAN'S PROFIT.

If you have not time to bring your printing to my office phone me and I will send after it. I use no solicitors. The cost he would be I give to you directly in material and good service. Persons have complained recently that some one is soliciting printing in our name which is a false representation. C. A. Franklin, the printer, 1409 Main Street. Bell Phone, Grand 2983.

NURSES GRADUATE

A new feature of the Commencement season in Kansas City this year was the graduation of the first class of Negroes from the Nurses' Training School of the City Hospital. Those who have the distinction of being in this class are Misses Mayme Branch Vaughn, of Moberly, Mo.; Bertha Corinne Hanna, of Bonville, Mo.; and Marie Vickers, of Springfield, Mo. On Sunday, May 24, at the Second Baptist Church, an able and forceful Baccalaureate Sermon on the subject, "The Sword of the Lord and Gideon" was preached to them by Rev. Samuel W. Bacote, pastor of that church. Besides a soprano solo by Mrs. A. Holmes, of Springfield, Mo., the excellent music on this occasion was under the direction of Mrs. S. W. Bacote, particularly beautiful being the chorus, "By the Waters of Babylon," by Coleridge Taylor.

The commencement proper was held at Allen Chapel the evening of Monday, May 25, and was witnessed by a large audience, about one-third of whom were of the White race, comprised mostly of Nurses and others connected with the City Hospital. The Master of Ceremonies, Hon. T. M. Fynn, a member of the Hospital and Health Board, was introduced by Dr. Wm. J. Tompkins, who paid him a glowing tribute for his zealous and enthusiastic efforts on behalf of the Negro, since being connected with the Board, and of their results as shown in the many improvements in the colored department of the hospital during that time. Mr. Fynn proved himself worthy of this tribute by declaring the highest ambition of his administration to be the complete possession of this part of the hospital by Negroes—since, at present they have only Staff Officers, Nurses, and Internes, and none of the administrative positions—and asserting his determination to exert himself to the utmost in helping the Mayor to achieve this.

Dr. Tompkins then gave a concise and enlightening sketch of the "History of the Colored Department of the General Hospital." He told of the political conditions that surrounded and really made possible its origin, of some of the difficulties that have been encountered, due both to race prejudice and to political differences, and also gave statistics showing the nature and extent of the work and the vast amount of good that is being accomplished there. He extolled in highest terms of praise the Hon. W. P. Motley, who, tho' a Southerner, and a Democrat, was really the savior of this department to the Negroes, when he was a member of the Board. Being the Official Representative of the Hospital and Health Board, Dr. Tompkins was the one best fitted to give the facts in the development of this institution, and in doing so he was careful to give credit where it was due, expressing a regret that so much incorrect information has been circulated at different times, and particularly on the occasion of the recent visit of Dr. Booker T. Washington, when, because of being misinformed by others, he made a serious error concerning the Hospital in his speech before the public.

A splendid commencement address was delivered by Rev. H. T. Keating, President of Western University, and after listening to the oratorical, logical, and inspiring treat that held his audience spell-bound, each one present felt that the Master of Ceremonies had not erred in proclaiming him, second to none, only Booker T. Washington, tho' the last part might have been omitted.

The music was furnished by the combined choruses of Western University and Allen Chapel, under the leadership of Prof. R. G. Jackson, and surpassed even the standard of that

unequalled organist and director of the West. A special feature was the inimitable rendition in warbling tones of a solo that made her audience think of her as one of the birds about whom she sang, by that Negro Melba, Miss Ellie Grant.

The presentation of diplomas was made by Dr. George Pinkin, Superintendent of the Colored Department of the General Hospital, and the presentation of Pins by Miss Harriet Leck, Superintendent of Nurses.

The invocation and benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. H. Thomas, Pastor of Allen Chapel.



Dr. J. E. Moorland.

Washington, D. C., who had a large share in influencing Mr. Julius Rosenberg to make his magnificent gift of \$25,000 to the Negro Associations of the Country.

DECORATION DAY

Is the day set aside for you to remember and respect your loved ones that have passed away. This can best be done by having some flowers or potted plants placed upon their last resting place.

THE WEAVER FLORAL CO. has made special arrangements to accommodate its many customers by making two deliveries to Highland Cemetery on Decoration Day. First delivery 11 A. M. and the last delivery at 4 P. M. We will have no flowers at the end of the car line or Cemetery for sale. Give us your orders early and you will not be disappointed.

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Monster Celebration.

Corner Stone Laying Y. M. C. A. Building—Officers of Grand Lodges From Four States Expected.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

As the day of the Y. M. C. A. corner stone laying ceremony for Sunday, May 31st, 2:30 P. M. draws near, its magnitude grows by leaps and bounds. Each day brings communications from distant cities in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Colorado, reporting the coming of Grand Officers and in some instances escorts of subordinate lodges and uniformed ranks. Representatives of the various lodges met in conference last week and mapped out the program. The various orders will mobilize at 15th and Woodland and the monster parade with over 2000 men in line will start promptly at 2 P. M. headed by the mounted officers of the uniformed ranks and Negro patrolmen. Col. Thos. Eaton, Aide de Campe and staff with Patriarchy No. 66, Juvenile Cadets No. 66 and Patriarchy No. 147 of Kansas City, Kansas will head the Odd Fellows; Col. Wheaton and staff will direct the



Prof. G. N. Grisham.
Chairman of the Building Fund Committee and who made the largest gift of any Colored person. He gave \$525.

GEO. W. CHIVIS DEAD.

On last Saturday George Chivis, who is known throughout the country as the publisher of the Railroad Porters' Magazine, died in the city of Oakland after a long illness. While Chivis was not considered a legitimate newspaper man, he was known for his genius in procuring advertisements for his journal, and it is said that he made more money as an advertiser than any man of the race who was ever in the business. He leaves a wife, sister, other relatives and friends to mourn his loss.—Los Angeles Eagle.

Geo. Chivis was a Missourian by birth and was perhaps one of the best known Colored men in America. He always entertained on a lavish scale and dressed like a Chesterfield all the time. He knew every public man in America personally and it was easier for him to get \$100 than for the average Negro to get 30 cents. Peace to his ashes.

The patrons of Attucks School were given a fine treat last Friday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M. in the way of an exhibit of some of the work done by their children during the past year. The whole school was thrown open for inspection from cellar to garret and the handiwork of the pupils was so displayed that a close examination could be made. The shop was appropriately decorated with wood work of every description; five joints; smooth finishes, and stains of every color. The work reflected a practical turn there being several tables for reading and a music cabinet. All of the articles shown indicated considerable talent. In the South end of the Shop was a Shoemaker's bench equipped with a complete line of tools of good quality, selected by Principal G. A. Page with the consent of the Board of Education. There is only one other School in the City with a Shoemaking equipment. There have been nearly fifty pairs of shoes half sold and as many heels built up. Some of this work was on display and received high commendation from the visitors. In the kitchen was canned fruit and so forth and on the black board an ideal menu for a good wholesome but inexpensive dinner. The sewing room presented a sight never to be forgotten. Twenty-two dresses made all complete by girls of graduating class. All sorts of lingerie aprons and embroidery helped to make up one of the very best displays ever seen in an elementary school. Each room decorated with appropriate work and colors. Ice cream and cake were served. A magnificent likeness of Crispus Attucks was unveiled. Probation Officer Ross spoke to the Patrons. The guests seemed to be amazed at the excellent garden operated by the school. At 4:30 Mr. and Mrs. Curry, patrons of the school invited the teachers down into the kitchen where good old and a giant cake all showed the way those Attucks teachers whose appreciation was a caution. Some one said Mrs. Curry spoke about a chicken fry in latter part of June. Hon. N. C. Crews, though absent from the City, being invited to speak sent a splendid letter of congratulation to Principal Page from St. Louis, Mo. and wished the good work God speed. The Attucks School children will appear on program at New Northeast High School at final Institute on May 31.

Dear Editor: What became of Betty & Sam's Corner? I missed them so much in the last issue. Well I guess our people have all joined Church and decided to be good from now on. Or it may be that you get so straight behind them. We must say that it is a great consolation to receive the Sun each week and receive the news from my old home.

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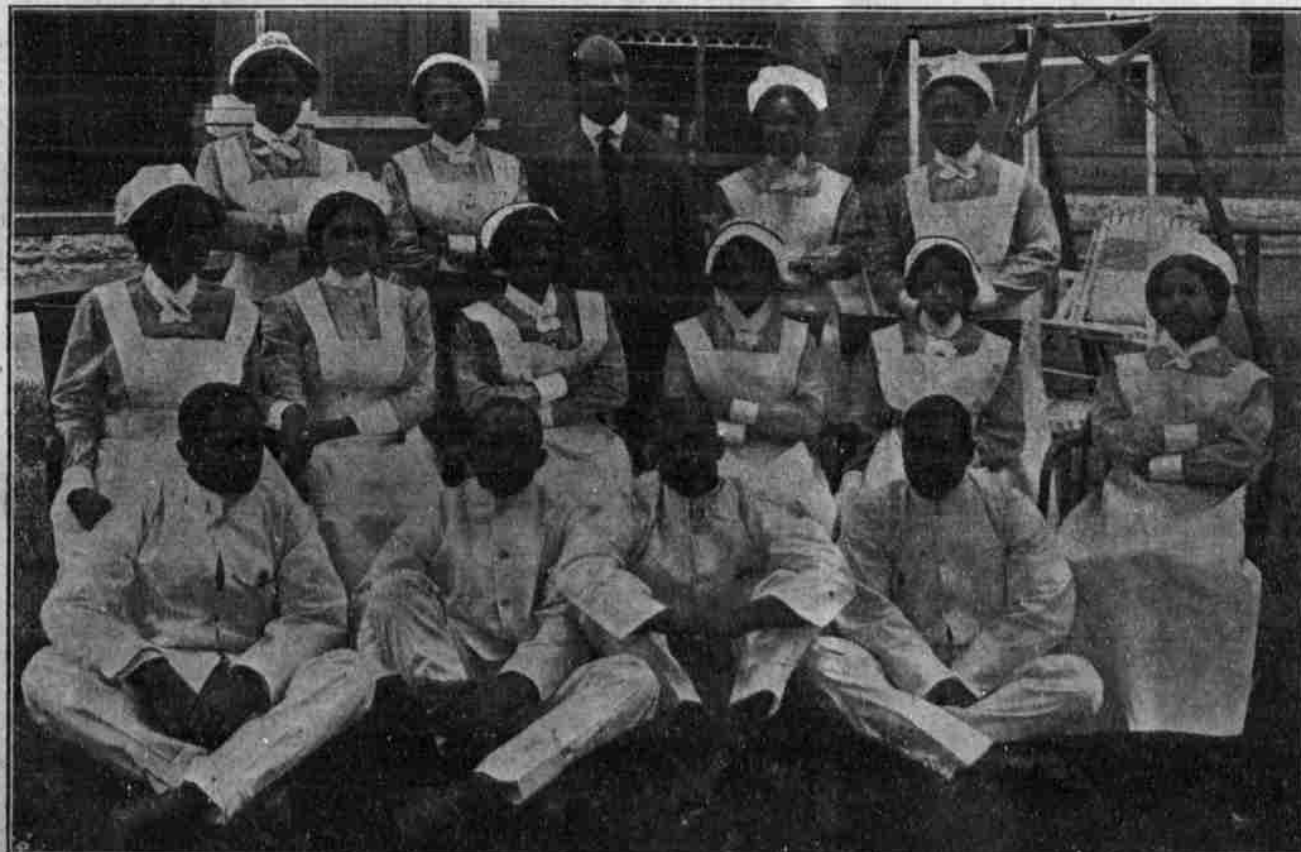
Editor's Note—We shall see that Betty and Sam do not play hooky any more this summer.

Mrs. Susie Shackelford, 1523 Lydia Avenue who has been quite ill is improving.

FLOWERS FOR DECORATION DAY.

The Crosthwaite Floral Co., 1611 E. 18th St. is prepared to fill all orders for flowers and floral designs for Decoration Day. Get your order in now. Bell phone East 272.
THE CROSTHWAITE FLORAL COMPANY.

Grand High Priest Geo. Broomfield of St. Louis, Mo., paid his annual visit to St. Paul and Keystone Chapters of this city last Tuesday night. He reports a successful trip and much work being done in the Royal Arch Chapter.



Colored Nurses and Internes of General Hospital and standing in rear center, Kansas City's brilliant and highly successful physician and surgeon Dr. Wm. J. Tompkins whose unwavering persistence, high standing with the White profession and popularity with the present city administration secured this splendid opportunity for our race. The three graduate nurses can be distinguished by the black cord across the front of their caps.